The Dawki land route in Meghalayya connecting to Tamable in Bangladesh is in operation. Large quantities of coal, limestone and other goods are being exported to Bangladesh through this route. The Government of India is working on improving infrastructure facilities to promote further economic and commercial linkages between India and Bangladesh.

At present there is no proposal regarding revival of Still well/Ledo road with Government of India.

Regarding the Moreh route, the upgradation of Tamu-Kalewa-Kalemyo (TKK) road was completed. It was inaugurated in February, 2001: The road starts from the India-Myanmar border (near Moreh in India) and links up with the highway to Mandalay. It thus had the potential of becoming an extension of National Highway-39 from Imphal to Myanmar. In due course, it would provide the linkage for movement beyond Myanmar as part of the proposed Tans-Asia Highway. Therefore, the road is expected to serve the interests of promoting trade the travel linkages between the North-East and Myanmar; and in future with South-East Asia.

(c) Volume of trade specific to each route is not being maintained.

Linking of Industrial Development with National Development

†1378. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to link industrial development with national development;

(b) if so, the names of the industries in which this type of system is operative;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH) : (a) to (d) The economic development of a nation is measured in terms of its Gross Domestic

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Product, which comprises output from Agriculture and allied activities, Industry including manufacturing sector and the Services sector. Industrial development therefore, is linked to overall economic development of the country.

Increase in crop-subsidy by America

†1379. SHRIRK. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that America has enhanced the ceiling of 'crop subsidy' by Rs. 2500/- crores in contravention of WTO rules, which may make a direct impact on India and other developing countries;

(b) if so, whether doubt raised developing countries at WTO meeting at Doha provide to be true; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is reported that.the subsidies proposed in the US Farms Security and Rural Investment Act, 2002 would be of the order of US $ 180 billion in next ten years. The proposed increase in subsidy to agriculture in America would not be consistent with the spirit of Doha Ministerial Declaration where it was decided to engage into negotiations aimed at substantial improvement in market access; reduction of, with a view to phasing out all forms of export subsidies; and substantial reduction in trade distorting domestic support. Report are indicating the US Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, 2002 will have a price depressing effect on world markets. This may have negative effects for developing countries as well.

Growth Centres in Orissa

1380 MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state what are the details of growth centres scheme functioning in Orissa to promote industrialization in the backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

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